

## PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1123-A)In re Application of:  
Cunningham et al.

Serial No.: 09/929,957

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For: A Label-Free High-Throughput Optical  
Technique for Detecting Biomolecular  
Interactions

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Examiner: J. Snay

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment prior to the substantive examination of this application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.